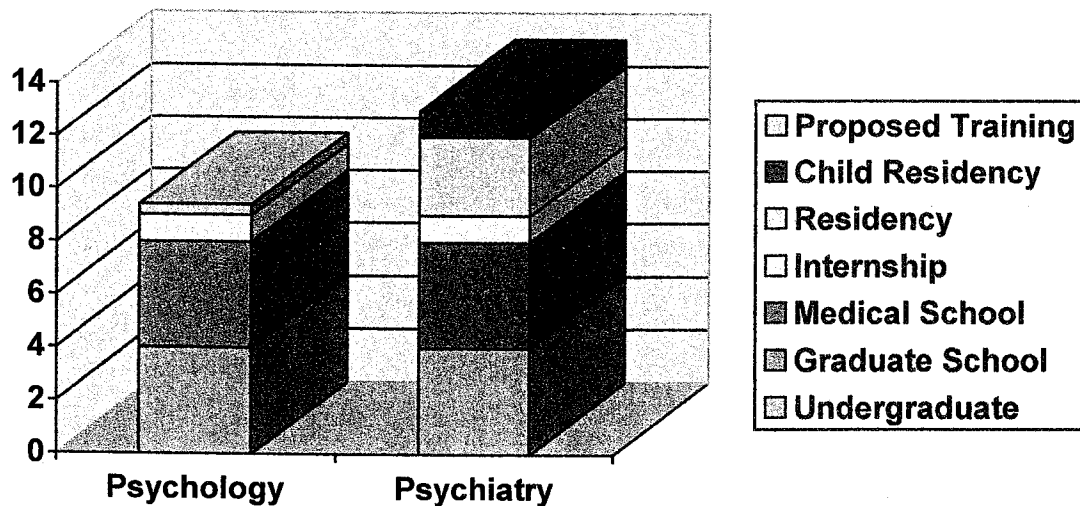
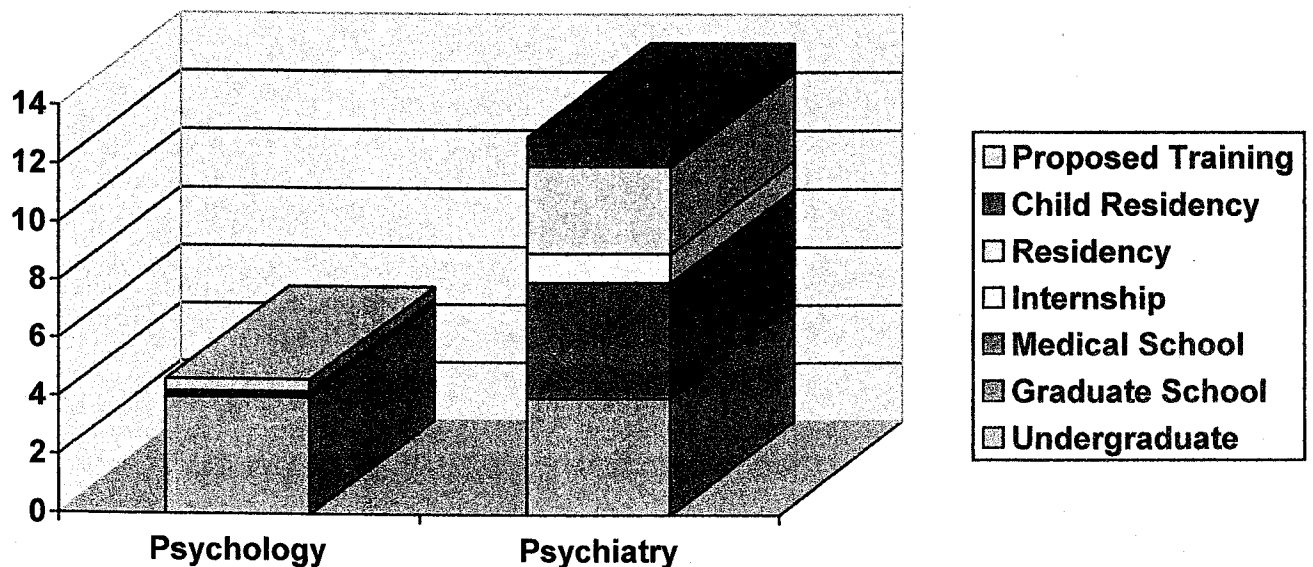


# Training Differences Between MEDICAL DOCTORS in PSYCHIATRY versus PSYCHOLOGISTS



ABOVE: Figure 1 –CREDIT HOUR COMPARISON: Misleading because it only measures # of credit hours, not curriculum.

BELOW: Figure 2 –CURRICULUM COMPARISON: Compares graduate work dedicated to medical training. Undergraduate curriculum differences not considered.



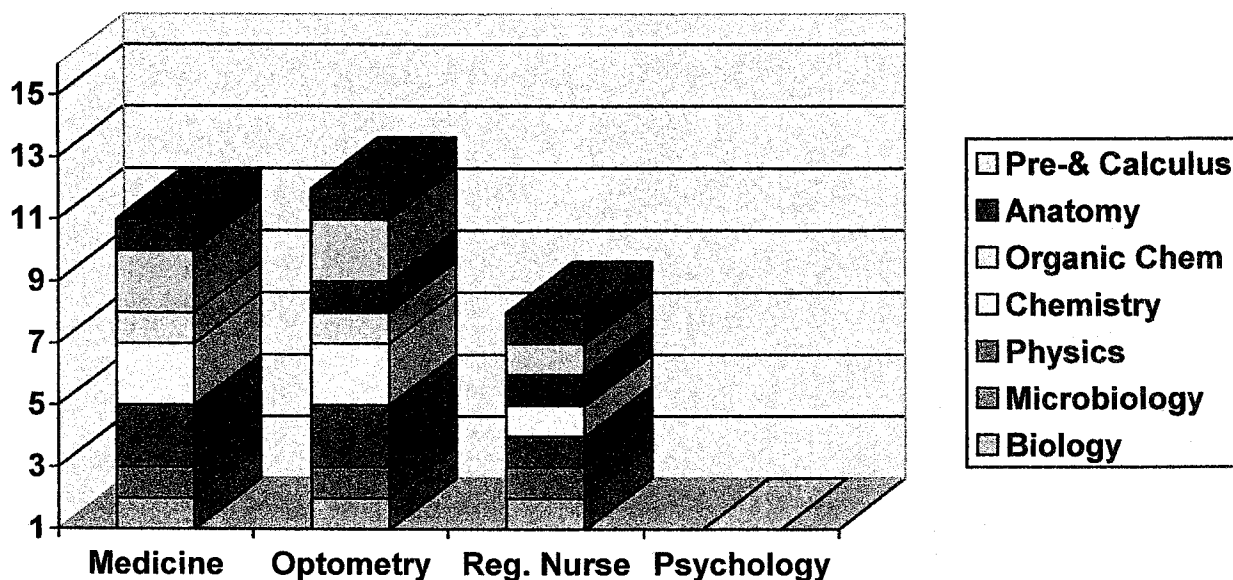
# Scope of Practice

Important discussions are being held about where to draw the line on expansion of scope of practice. Do we depart from a medical model of training and forego safety considerations on a bet that maybe if we have more prescribers we will be able to treat more people? Or do we examine our medical delivery system to make it more responsive? The United States has taken two centuries to get to where we are now, a nation with accredited, high standards for the delivery of quality health care. One quality standard that has been essential is ensuring that those who medically treat are trained in a medical model from undergraduate through doctoral programs. These are our physicians, dentists, oral surgeons, nurses and optometrists. All these members of the medical profession have been trained at nationally standardized and accredited institutions **and in a medical model.**

For 21 years, since 1984, psychologists have been seeking to circumvent proper training and instead receive a political nod to prescribe dangerous and powerful medications. In 1984 and every year since then that legislation has been submitted, it has been defeated. Supporters for psychologist prescribing have been repeatedly advised to standardize and accredit psychology schools, and require an undergraduate through graduate school curriculum containing adequate components of a medical model. The proponents have chosen instead to erode the will of the political process by coming back year after year with clinical names for overview courses and classes they attend but **WITHOUT** substantial change to the underlying curriculums. Failing that, the HPMA does not and will not support psychologists in their 23rd year of requesting prescriptive privileges without adequate training.

## UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM DIFFERENCES

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